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## SENATOR ALLARD SECURES \$800,000 FOR NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN WALDEN IN INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), member of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, on Thursday announced that he has secured \$800,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the Town of Walden's water treatment plant.

"The Town of Walden is working to bring its water treatment process in compliance with the new Environmental Protection Agency and State of Colorado water quality control regulations," Senator Allard said. "I've worked for more than a year to secure this funding to help reduce the financial burden on the town as it upgrades its infrastructure for the future."

Walden's current treatment plant and filtration module was built in 1980. The plant's current processes are insufficient to filter and treat newly regulated agents such as cryptosporidian. Replacement parts and equipment are becoming scarce because of the age of the system, and the plant is also in need of providing safety redundancy.

"I will continue my efforts in the Senate to make sure that rural communities such as Walden receive the federal support that they need as they try to upgrade their aging facilities, and I will be working hard to make sure that the Interior Appropriations bill will be approved by the full Senate as soon as possible," added Senator Allard.